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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 4, line 7 as follows:

A cutting edge is preferably situated along the length of each rolled material to be cut. A serrated cutting blade is attached to the front edge of the shelf of the lower compartment in the preferred embodiment of the present invention. The cutting blade preferably runs along the length of the front shelf edge and is preferably raised above the shelf level by a relative distance of approximately 1/8 of an inch (0.3 cm) with a preferred range of 1/16 to 3/16 of an inch (0.15 to 0.45 cm). Two apertures on the sides of the shelf allow the user to easily and safely grasp [[of]] the material in order to extract the necessary length.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 6, line 23 as follows:

A paper towel dispenser, in some embodiments, is integrated as an uncovered dispensing assembly, and is preferably located in the lower area of the vertically mounted frame embodiments. This particular dispensing assembly uses a dowel acting as an axel of a diameter less than the standard commercial tube around which the paper is rolled. That is, typical paper towel rolls can be found having 5 to 6 inches (12.1 to 14.5 cm) in diameter of material rolled around the core with internal [[,]] core [[,]] being diameter 1.5 inches (3.6 cm).

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 8, line 1 as follows:

The lower compartment is fixedly attached to the frame such that the lower compartment is entirely within the frame planar boundaries wherein the shelf coincides with the top surface of the frame. The shelf located between the two dispensers is wider than the one at the edge of the frame. While the invention has several objects, there are two objects objectives for such an embodiment: (1) to provide room for unrestricted closing of the rotating cover and convenient dispensing of the material; and (2) to install two apertures for easy lifting and relocating of the whole dispenser.

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Please amend the paragraph starting on page 8, line 13 as follows:

At the top of the radial part of the lower compartment and also adjacent to the frame there are two slots, wide enough to receive the radial sides of the rotating cover. In open position the sides of the rotating cover rest on the bottom sides of those slots, which act as stops. Such an embodiment allows the rotating cover to hide completely under the screen.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 12, line 26 as follows:

Fig. 4 illustrates a multifunctional cover portion comprised of approximately sector-shaped sides 13, example protective cover 14 with a rubber pad 15 at the front edge, a safety extension of the cover 16, counterweight 18 and a pivotal point 17 that aligns with the first pivot point 7 or second pivot point [[80f]] 8 of the example frame.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 13, line 1 as follows:

Fig. 5 is a view of an open dispensing assembly without a frame which illustrates a multifunctional cover portion in functional relation to a lower portion where the example cover portion is comprised of approximately sector-shaped sides 13, example protective cover 14 with a rubber pad 15 at the front edge, a safety extension of the cover 16, counterweight 18 and a pivotal point 17 that aligns with the first pivot point 7 or second pivot point [[8of]] 8 of the example frame. The example lower compartment of the assembly of a dispensing system embodiment of the present invention being comprised of a bed for the rolled material 9, a shelf of the lower compartment 10; apertures 11 of the shelf for the user to grasp the material, and in this example a edge or cutting surface 12, like a serrated blade, extending upwardly from the shelf 10.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 13, line 25 as follows:

A second embodiment, a horizontally oriented embodiment of the present invention, is applicable, among other uses, in dispensing plastic wrap, aluminum foil suitable out of the

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kitchen cabinet drawer or the top of the kitchen counter. Typical kitchen drawer is approximately three to four inches (7.3 to 9.7 cm) deep and nine to fifteen inches (21.8 to 36.3 cm) wide. For the drawer mounted dispensing system embodiments, the drawer depth typically precludes paper towel dispensing with commercially available rolls and accordingly, the second embodiment example, it is preferred that the paper towel dispenser as described in the first embodiments embodiment is not included and leaving preferably one or two dispensing assemblies in a horizontal frame. The horizontal frame double or single dispenser is preferably used in [[of]] any drawer with the width greater or equal to 9 inches (22.8 cm). Depending on the inside width of the drawer, the dispensing system is oriented so that the direction of dispensing is parallel or perpendicular to the front of the drawer.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 14, line 14 as follows:

Fig.7 is a perspective view of a horizontal dispenser example of the present invention. Rotating covers 23 have an open position and a closed position. The rotating covers are provided with a leverage tab or pin 24 for easy retraction of the cover from open position and pushing down the cover at the time of severing. The rotating cover is equipped with a cutting surface 25 such as a serrated blade at the front edge of the cover. Rotating cover 23 is connected to the sidewalls [[32]] 34 at the pivotal points 33. Safety screen 21 carries the protective function of shielding the cutting surface 25 and serves as a part of the frame. The function of the slot 22 in the screen is to accommodate the leverage pin 24 on the rotating cover at the time of the opening.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 14, line 29 as follows:

Lower compartments are comprised of a bed 28, horizontal shelves (e.g., and the first tray member 31 and the second tray member 26) and outer covers 21. A second shelve 26 is wider than first shelve 31 in order to accommodate two apertures 27 installed for lifting and relocating of the whole fixture. The first rotating cover 23 with the cutting edge 25 is shown in the closed, or cutting, position as it has been rotated forward about the first pivot point 33. The lower compartment in this embodiment allows for the gripping of the dispensed sheets

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from the side apertures 30 such as a side panel [[32]] 34. The second rotating cover is shown open having been rotated aftward about rotating point 33.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 15, line 12 as follows:

Fig. 8 provides a top perspective view of this alternate embodiment [[show]] showing the apertures for material griping 30 and the apertures for dispensing system lifting 27.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 15, line 16 as follows:

A side view of an alternative embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in Fig. 9 with a side panel removed. As shown, the safety screen 21 and rotating cover 23 have the same axis of rotation 42. The axis of rotation 41 for the cylindrical part of the lower compartment is set off for ease of dispensing. The tabs 24 that add to the mass and balance of the rotating cover 23 are shown. In addition, the protective shroud 25 of the rotating cover 23 is illustrated as extending beyond the rotating cover 23. Fig. 10 is a perspective view of an aft or second tray member of the example alternative embodiment of the present invention. Fig. 11 is a perspective view of a first tray member 31 of the alternative embodiment of the present invention. The cover engages the tray coming to rest on stops 32. Fig. 12 is a perspective view of the cover member 23 of the alternative embodiment illustrating the tab or pin 24 for user contact to effect cover member 23 rotation and Fig. 13 is a perspective view of the side member [[32]] 34 of the alternative embodiment.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 16, line 5 as follows:

In some applications, it is preferred to dispense material in two opposing directions. Fig. 14 is a perspective view of a side panel of a third alternative embodiment [[26]] 35 where each dispensing assembly outwardly opposes one another and all other portions of the assemblies and the example dispensing system remains substantially the same as those described in detail above.

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Please amend the paragraph starting on page 16, line 15 as follows:

The preferred method of use comprises the major steps of load loading the rolled material into the assembly and extracting Extracting and tearing off the rolled material.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 16, line 19 as follows:

The following procedure for loading the rolled material into the assembly wherein the present procedure is substantially the same for any kind of practicable material provided on similar rolls comprises the user executing the steps of:

- 1. Unrolling approximately 6" (approx. 14.5 cm) of material or a length anticipated appropriate for use;
- 2. Opening the cover;
- 3. Placing the roll on the shelf of lower compartment oriented so that sides of the roll fit between the sidewalls of the frame and so that the roll unwinds towards the back wall of the dispenser;
- 4. Holding the end of the unrolled portion with one hand where preferably the other hand of the user slightly pushes the roll towards the back wall of the frame whereby the roll will drop into the bed of the lower compartment;
- 5. Holding the unwound part of the material up and elose closing the cover; and
- 6. Tearing of the unrolled portion of the material with the other hand by pulling it up against the serrated blade with one hand while slightly pushing down the leverage pin with one hand.